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SUBJECT: 1974 AD-70 SPRING REPORT

1. ON SEPTEMBER 13 EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP OF AD-70 WILL DISCUSS AC/281-WP(73)5, "SPRING REPORT 1974", A PROPOSAL BY ITS CHAIRMAN FOR CONDUCT OF THE 1974 AD-70 SPRING REVIEW AND PREPARATION OF RELATED REPORT TO MINISTERS.

2. THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING AD-70 REVIEW WAS THAT IT WOULD EXAMINE THE NATO DEFENSE EFFORT AS A WHOLE FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND BALANCE. THE 1973 REVIEW COVERED FORCE CAPABILITIES AND SIX MAJOR SUPPORTING PROGRAMS.

3. CHAIRMAN EWG NOW PROPOSES THAT COVERAGE OF THREE OF THE SUPPORTING PROGRAMS (COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS, COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS, AND CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS) BE ELIMINATED FOR THE SPRING 1974 REVIEW.

4. WE PROPOSE TO TAKE POSITION THAT WHILE NOT ALL SIX MAJOR SUPPORTING PROGRAMS MAY NEED SAME DEPTH OF REVIEW, ALL SHOULD BE LOOKED AT IN RELATION TO FORCE CAPABILITIES, BOTH FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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EFFECTIVENESS AND BALANCE. THIS OVERALL EXAMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS AND RELATIONSHIP OF FORCE CAPABILITIES AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMS IS TO US THE HEART OF THE SPRING REVIEW AS CALLED FOR IN STATE 20972 OF FEB 6, 1971. WE WOULD NOT

WANT TO SEE ITS SCOPE REDUCED NOR THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE THREE
FIELDS SEEN AS REDUCED IN OVERALL PRIORITY.

5. CHAIRMAN ALSO PROPOSES ELIMINATION OF ONE DRAFTING STAGE IN
PREPARATION OF THE SPRING REPORT. WE SEE THIS AS ACCEPTABLE.

6. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUESTED: REVIEW OF USNATO POSITION FOR
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13.

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